

HB
8/3/01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Garst, Michael E.) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Serial No.: Not yet assigned) Examiner: Not yet assigned
Filed: Herewith)
For: Combinations of Prostaglandins)
and Brimonidine or Derivatives)
Thereof)

)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendments before calculating the filing fee in the continuing
patent application filed herewith.

AMENDMENTS

Kindly cancel claims 7-13.

Kindly amend the indicated claims to read as follows:

1) (Amended) A topical ophthalmic composition useful for controlling elevated intraocular pressure associated with glaucoma and ocular hypertension while providing neuroprotection to the ocular nerves, comprising a combination of a therapeutically effective amount of a prostaglandin and a therapeutically effective amount of an alpha adrenergic agent of formula (I)